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ABSTRACT

This two-part report provides enrollment figures for the Montana public community colleges, independent tribal community colleges, and vocational-technical colleges; and reviews general economic and demographic conditions in the state. The first section contains data tables providing information on: (1) total student headcount, full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment, and fiscal year FTE by term and college for the 1989-90 fiscal year for each of Montana's public community and vocational-technical centers; (2) comparative institutional headcount enrollments for fall 1988 and fall 1989 for each institution in the community college, tribal college, and vocational-technical systems; (3) full-time and part-time enrollments by college for fall 1988 and fall 1989; (4) comparative institutional headcount enrollment by college for fall 1989 and fall 1990; (5) FTE enrollment by college for fall 1989 and fall 1990 for the community colleges and vocational-technical system; and (6) the numbers of new students who transferred to each institution of higher education in Montana for fall 1988 and fall 1989 from each college in the state. The second section of the report begins with a historical overview of Montana's economic and demographic conditions for three eras, 1880-1920, 1920-1980, and the 1980's. A prospective outlook for 1990-95 is also provided. Next, a series of graphs provide specific data for each year from 1980 to the present, and project figures through the year 1995. These graphs provide longitudinal population totals for the state, the 18-24 year old age group, high school graduates, the 25-34 year old age group, the 35-54 year old age group, and the 55-74 year old age group. (JMC)

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ENROLLMENT SUMMARY
Public Community Colleges, and Montana Vocational-Technical System
1989-90 Fiscal Year

Institution	Head-count	FTE	FYFTE
Community Colleges			
Flathead Valley Community College- Total			
Summer term	890	214	
Fall	1,758	979	
Winter	1,951	983	
Spring	1,554	880	
1989-90			1,019
Less Restricted Enrollment			18
Unrestricted enrollment			1,001
Flathead Valley Community College - Lincoln County Center			
Summer term	48	14	
Fall	251	99	
Winter	317	107	
Spring	222	88	
1989-90			103
Less Restricted Enrollment			2
Unrestricted enrollment			101
Miles Community College			
Summer term	151	42	
Fall	587	447	
Winter	643	471	
Spring	548	430	
1989-90			463
Less Restricted Enrollment			4
Unrestricted enrollment			459
Dawson Community College - Total			
Summer term	117	36	
Fall	592	391	
Winter	635	412	
Spring	554	367	
1989-90			402
Less Restricted Enrollment			2
Unrestricted enrollment			400

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY
Public Community Colleges, and
Montana Vocational-Technical Svstem
1989-90 Fiscal Year

Institution	Head-count	FTE	FYFTE
Dawson Community College - Sidney Extension			
Fall	53	12	
Winter	61	14	
Spring	40	10	
1989-90			12
Community Colleges- Total			
Summer term	1,158	292	
Fall	2,937	1,817	
Winter	3,229	1,866	
Spring	2,656	1,677	
1989-90			1,884
Less Restricted Enrollment			24
Unrestricted enrollment			1,860

Vocational-Technical System

Billings Vocational-Technical Center*	Head-count	Contact Hour FTE	Credit Hour FTE
Summer term	94	33	80
Fall	315	291	372
Spring	329	344	399
1989-90 FYFTE		334	426
Less Restricted Enrollment		0	0
Unrestricted Enrollment		334	426

Butte Vocational-Technical Center			
Summer term	0	0	0
Fall	362	266	347
Winter	390	280	384
Spring	552	295	394
1989-90 FYFTE		280	375
Less Restricted Enrollment		0	0
Unrestricted Enrollment		280	375

* Semester calendar

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY
Public Community Colleges and
Montana Vocational-Technical System
1989-90 Fiscal Year

Institution	Head-count	Contact Hour FTE	Credit Hour FTE
Great Falls Vocational-Technical Center			
Summer term	283	203	216
Fall	719	478	578
Winter	643	458	534
Spring	805	409	491
1989-90 FYFTE		516	606
Less Restricted Enrollment		13	15
Unrestricted Enrollment		503	591
Helena Vocational-Technical Center*			
Summer term	52	36	55
Fall	732	438	510
Spring	811	399	476
1989-90 FYFTE		437	520
Less Restricted Enrollment		1	2
Unrestricted Enrollment		436	518
Missoula Vocational-Technical Center*			
Summer term	94	29	30
Fall	598	447	544
Spring	506	415	476
1989-90 FYFTE		446	525
Less Restricted Enrollment		0	0
Unrestricted Enrollment		446	525
Vocational-Technical System- Total			
Summer term	523	301	381
Fall	2,726	1,920	2,351
1989-90 FYFTE		2,013	2,452
Less Restricted Enrollment		14	17
Unrestricted Enrollment		1,999	2,435

* Semester calendar

PDB, 8/23/90

Comparative Institutional Headcount Enrollments-Montana
Fall 1988 and Fall 1989

Public Community Colleges

Miles Community College	654	587	- 67	-10.2
Dawson Community College	531	592	+ 61	+11.5
Flathead Valley Community College	1,958	1,758	- 200	-10.2
Total	3,143	2,937	- 206	- 6.6

Independent Tribal Community Colleges

Blackfeet Community College	307	298	- 9	- 2.9
Dullknife Memorial Com. College	179	223	+ 44	+24.6
Fort Belknap Com. College	N/A	118	N/A	N/A
Fort Peck Community College	234	216	- 18	- 7.7
Little Big Horn Com. College	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stone Child Community College	N/A	142	N/A	N/A
Salish-Kootenai Com. College	694	712	+ 18	+ 2.6

Montana Vocational Technical System

Billings Vo-Tech Center	376	315	- 61	-16.2
Butte Vo-Tech Center	465	362	- 103	-22.2
Great Falls Vo-Tech Center	733	719	- 14	- 1.9
Helena Vo-Tech Center	821	732	- 89	-10.8
Missoula Vo-Tech Center	550	598	+ 48	+ 8.7
System	2,945	2,726	- 219	- 7.4

N/A-Not Available

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Full-time and Part-time Enrollment at Postsecondary Education Institutions in Montana Fall 1988 and Fall 1989

Public Community Colleges						
DCC	269	310	262	282	49.3	47.6
MCC	392	387	262	200	40.1	34.1
FVCC	606	698	1,352	1,060	69.1	60.3
Total	1,267	1,395	1,876	1,542	59.7	52.5
Independent Tribal Community Colleges						
BCC	157	N/A	150	N/A	48.9	N/A
DMCC	99	71	80	152	44.7	68.2
FBCC	N/A	91	N/A	27	N/A	22.9
FPCC	139	161	95	55	40.6	25.5
LBHCC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SCCC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SKCC	296	326	398	386	57.3	54.2
Montana Vocational Technical System						
BIVTC	337	291	39	24	10.4	7.6
BVTC	318	213	147	149	31.6	41.2
GFVTC	420	400	313	319	42.7	44.4
HVTC	426	363	395	369	48.1	50.4
MVTC	464	519	86	79	15.6	13.2
System	1,965	1,780	980	946	33.3	34.7

N/A-Not Available

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12/13/90

Comparative Institutional Headcount Enrollment-Montana
Fall 1989 and Fall 1990

Public Community Colleges

Miles Community College	587	670	+ 83	+14.1
Dawson Community College	592	648	+ 56	+ 9.5
Flathead Valley Com College	1,758	1,824	+ 66	+ 3.8
Total	2,937	3,142	+ 205	+ 7.0

Independent Tribal Community Colleges

Blackfeet Community College	298	264	- 34	-11.4
Dullknife Memorial College	223	281	+ 58	+26.0
Fort Belknap College	118	135	+ 17	+14.4
Fort Peck Community College	216	246	+ 30	+13.9
Little Big Horn College	260*	255*	- 5*	- 1.9*
Stone Child College	142	138	- 4	- 2.8
Salish-Kootenai College	712	684	- 28	- 3.9
Total	1,969*	2,003*	+ 34*	+ 1.7*

Montana Vocational Technical System

Billings Vo-Tech Center	315	351	+ 36	+11.4
Butte Vo-Tech Center	362	432	+ 70	+19.3
Great Falls Vo-Tech Center	719	729**	+ 10**	+ 1.4**
Helena Vo-Tech Center	732	674	- 58	- 7.9
Missoula Vo-Tech Center	598	576	- 22	- 3.7
System	2,726	2,762**	+ 36**	+ 1.3**
MONTANA TOTAL	39,488*	40,155*	+ 667*	+ 1.7*

* Estimate; ** Low estimate, additional enrollment yet to be reported.

Montana Public Institutional Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment
Fall 1989 and Fall 1990

Public Community Colleges				
Miles Community College	447	448	+ 1	+ 0.2
Dawson Community College	391	424	+ 33	+ 8.5
Flathead Valley Community College	979	1,024	+ 45	+ 4.6
Total	1,817	1,896	+ 79	+ 4.3
Montana Vocational Technical System				
Billings Vo-Tech Center	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Butte Vo-Tech Center	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Great Falls Vo-Tech Center	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Helena Vo-Tech Center	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Missoula Vo-Tech Center	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
System	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A-Not available at this time

PDB, 12/12/90

New Students Transferred to Institutions of Higher Education in Montana, Fall 1988

Transferred from:	TRANSFERRED TO:										
	UM	MSU	MCMST	EMC	WMCUM	NMC	MCC	DCC	FVCC	CC	CGF
UM	0	67	9	37	16	19	2	1	23	10	4
MSU	124	0	10	61	20	19	4	4	11	18	1
MCMST	45	34	0	10	13	2	1	0	0	3	4
EMC	73	64	4	0	6	11	12	3	6	3	2
WMCUM	17	5	4	2	0	7	2	1	3	3	0
NMC	19	20	3	9	5	0	3	2	7	4	3
CC	42	18	2	5	6	2	0	0	0	0	1
CGF	19	9	1	6	0	6	1	0	2	4	0
RMC	12	8	0	20	4	0	1	0	1	6	0
MBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCC	7	8	2	14	7	5	0	3	1	3	0
DCC	4	17	0	4	4	7	5	0	1	1	0
FVCC	60	22	0	3	2	6	0	0	0	2	3
BCC	9	7	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
DMCC	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FPCC	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
LBHCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SKCC	9	4	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
MVTC	15	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
GFVTC	6	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	4
BVTC	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIVTC	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
HVTC	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	4	3	0	8	0	30	0	2
Rest US	670	377	55	170	59	55	23	11	100	61	30
Foreign	55	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	1,192	671	90	352	146	167	62	25	185	120	57

New Students Transferred to Institutions of Higher Education in Montana, Fall 1988 (Cont'd)

Transferred from:	TRANSFERRED TO:										
	RMC*	MBC*	MSBC*	BCC*	DMCC*	FBCC*	FPCC*	LBHCC*	SCCC*	SKCC	TOTAL
UM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	188
MSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	279
MCMST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
EMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184
WMCUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
NMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
CC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
CGF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
RMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
MBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
DCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
FVCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
BCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
DMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
FBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FPCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
LBHCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SKCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
MVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
GFVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
BVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
BIVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
HVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Rest US	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1,613
Foreign	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3,080

* School did not submit a report on transfer students

New Students Transferred to Institutions of Higher Education in Montana, Fall 1989

Transferred from:	TRANSFERRED TO:										
	UM	MSU	MCMST	EMC	WMCUM	NMC	MCC	DCC	FVCC	CC	CGF
UM	0	72	11	30	27	16	0	1	24	10	8
MSU	117	0	8	51	11	21	3	2	15	12	7
MCMST	46	32	0	2	15	0	0	0	1	5	1
EMC	36	81	3	0	2	11	3	2	8	3	3
WMCUM	26	12	4	4	0	4	1	0	5	3	0
NMC	16	23	1	9	1	0	0	1	4	1	2
CC	47	25	3	5	8	4	1	0	0	0	3
CGF	20	6	1	6	1	20	0	0	2	5	0
RMC	8	8	1	29	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
MBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCC	6	10	0	23	1	1	0	3	0	2	1
DCC	10	10	2	9	5	2	1	0	0	1	2
FVCC	63	11	1	6	1	11	0	1	0	1	1
BCC	5	1	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	1	0
DMCC	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
FBCC	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
FPCC	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
LBHCC	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SKCC	6	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
MVTC	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
GFVTC	5	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	4
BVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIVTC	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
HVTC	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	10	3	0	2	0	6	0	4
Rest US	765	461	26	202	47	60	11	17	117	41	36
Foreign	63	12	19	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	6
Total	1,257	769	80	395	126	177	22	27	184	89	78

New Students Transferred to Institutions of Higher Education in Montana, Fall 1989 (Cont'd)

Transferred from:	TRANSFERRED TO:										
	RMC	MBC*	MSBC*	BCC*	DMCC*	FBCC*	FPCC*	LBHCC*	SCCC*	SKCC*	TOTAL
UM	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192
MSU	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	253
MCMST	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104
EMC	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172
WMCUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
NMC	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
CC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
CGF	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
RMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
MBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
DCC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
FVCC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
BCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
DMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
FBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
FPCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
LBHCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
SCCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SKCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
MVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
GFVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
BVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
HVTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Rest US	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,862
Foreign	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89
Total	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,293

* School did not submit a report on transfer students

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List of Abbreviations Used

BCC	Blackfeet Community College
BIVTC	Billings Vocational Technical Center
BVTC	Butte Vocational Technical Center
CC	Carroll College
CGF	College of Great Falls
DCC	Dawson Community College
EMC	Eastern Montana College
FBCC	Fort Belknap Community College
FPCC	Fort Peck Community College
FTE	Full-time equivalent
FVCC	Flathead Valley Community College
FYFTE	Fiscal year full-time equivalent
GFVTC	Great Falls Vocational Technical Center
HVTC	Helena Vocational Technical Center
LBHCC	Little Big Horn Community College
MBC	Montana Bible College
MCC	Miles Community College
MCMST	Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
MSBC	Mountain States Baptist College
MSU	Montana State University
MUS	Montana University System
MVTC	Missoula Vocational Technical Center
NMC	Northern Montana College
RMC	Rocky Mountain College
SCCC	Stone Child Community College
SKCC	Salish Kootenai Community College
UM	University of Montana
WMCUM	Western Montana College of the University of Montana
YBC	Yellowstone Baptist College

MONTANA ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS

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HISTORY

The Early White Settlement Period, 1880-1920

Montana experienced substantial employment and associated population growth during the early white settlement period of 1880-1920. According to U.S Census data, employment in 1880 was about 22,000, and by 1920 it had increased approximately 10 fold to 214,000. Total population grew from about 40,000 to around 550,000 as the result of two phenomena: more births than deaths, and more people moving into Montana than moving out, i.e. net in-migration. This latter factor relates to employment growth in the state being relatively stronger as compared with the nation. The remarkable employment growth in Montana over this period resulted in net in-migration of about 310,000 people. The rest of the population growth between 1880 and 1920 (200,000) was the result of the natural increase in population (excess of births over deaths).

The Period 1920-1980

Except for the decade of the 1970s, this 60-year period was one of slow growth in employment and population. Between 1970 and 1980 growth was moderate, with 13 percent population growth in Montana versus 11 percent nationally.

Employment remained constant between 1920 and 1940, and increased only 37 percent over the 30 year period of 1940-1970, or about one percent per year. U.S. employment growth between 1920 and 1970 was much stronger than for Montana. Not surprisingly, Montana experienced net out-migration (more people left the state than came) every decade between 1920 and 1970, for a total net out-migration of about 220,000 people. Excluding the 1920s, total population generally did not decline over this period, however, because of the natural increase in population (excess of births over deaths).

The years 1970-1980 represent an oddity in Montana's recent economic history. The decade of the 1970s was the first since 1910-1920 where Montana experienced somewhat higher employment growth than the nation as a whole (34 percent versus 28 percent). The decade produced the first net in-migration (33,000) since World War I.

The 1980s

Employment and population growth in the 1980s was erratic and overall at a very slow rate. Using data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, from the end of the decade of the 1970s (1979) to the end of the 1980s (1989), total employment grew by only 7 percent or less than 1 percent per year (0.7 percent). Nationally employment grew by roughly 2 percent per year, or three times the Montana rate. Population growth in Montana also lagged behind the nation. Total Montana population for 1990 will probably be between 795,000 and 805,000, up from 787,000 in 1980 or an overall growth rate for the decade of only 1-2 percent. The associated estimated net out-migration of people is 50,000 to 60,000 or an average of 5,000-6,000 per year.

Various sectors of the Montana economy increased or decreased in employment in differing ways. Most of the employment growth was concentrated in the private services sector (primarily health care, assorted business services, and recreational services) along with retail trade (principally eating and drinking establishments). Most of the decreases in jobs occurred in wood products, metals processing, and food products manufacturing; railroad transportation; construction; agricultural production; wholesale trade; and mining.

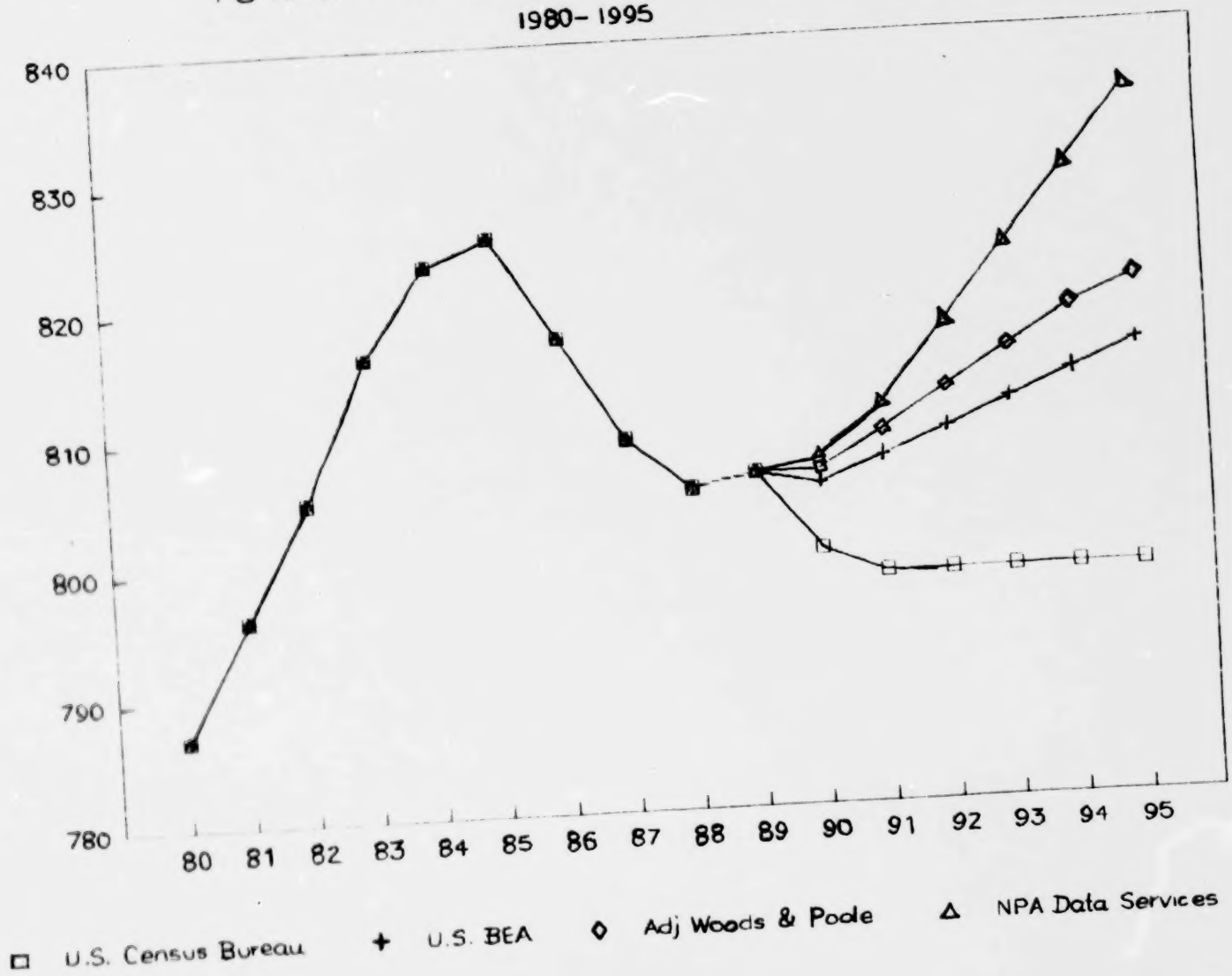
OUTLOOK

The Period 1990-1995

The most probable outlook for the first half of the 1990s is for continued slow employment growth and associated population increases for Montana. The largest age group participating in postsecondary education, 18-24 year olds, will continue to decline in numbers after having peaked in 1981. The rate of decrease between 1990 and 1995 probably will be lower for this age group than that experienced during the 1980s, however. The number of high school graduates (mostly 18 year olds) after declining in 1990 from a temporary peak in 1989, will continue to decline in 1991 before a recovery starts in 1992 or 1993. Montanans in the 25-34 and 55-74 age groups will continue to decline after peaking in 1985. The age group with the largest growth in numbers between 1990 and 1995 will be the 35-54 age category. The attached graphs illustrate these changing demographic conditions in Montana.

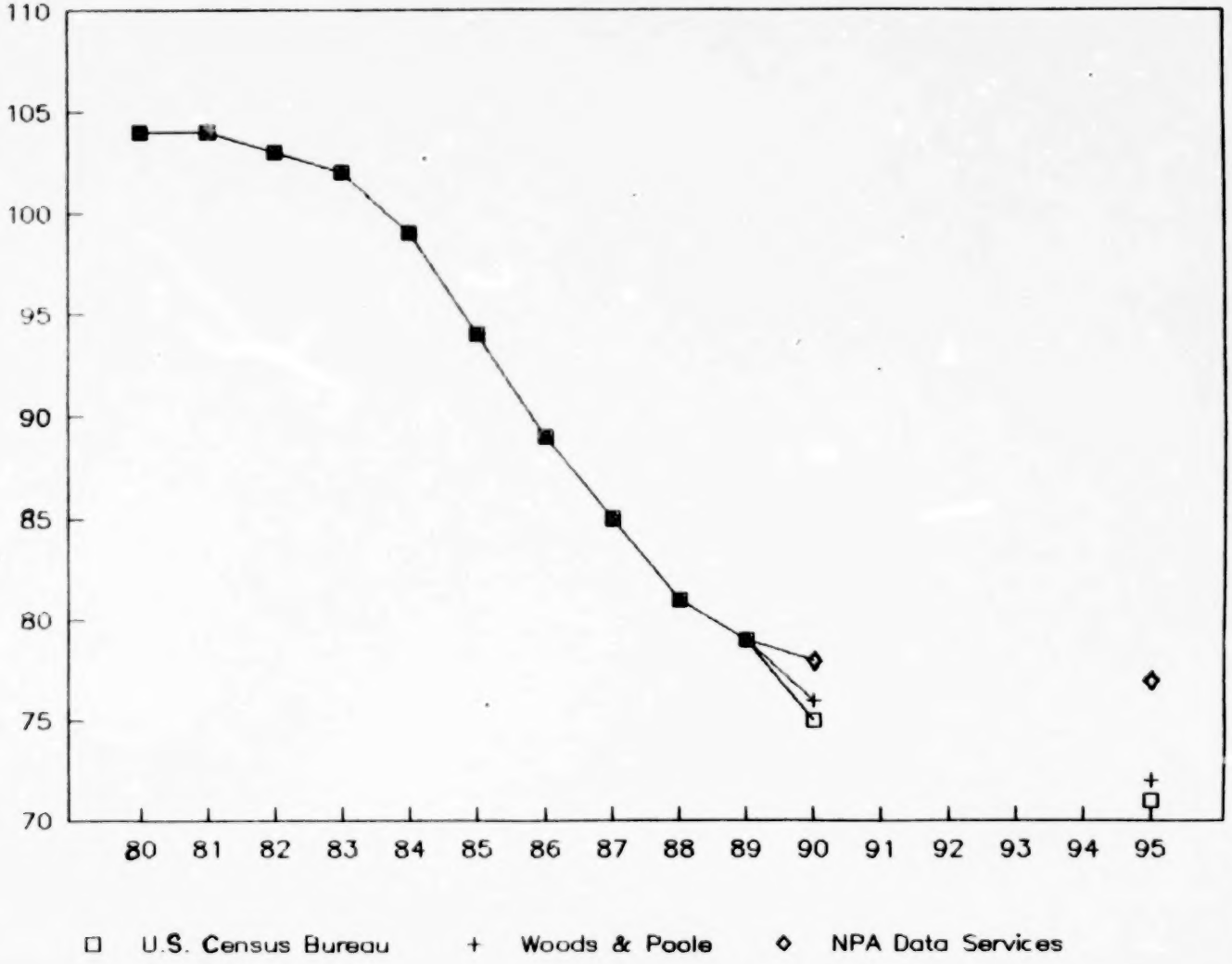
TOTAL POPULATION IN MONTANA

1980- 1995



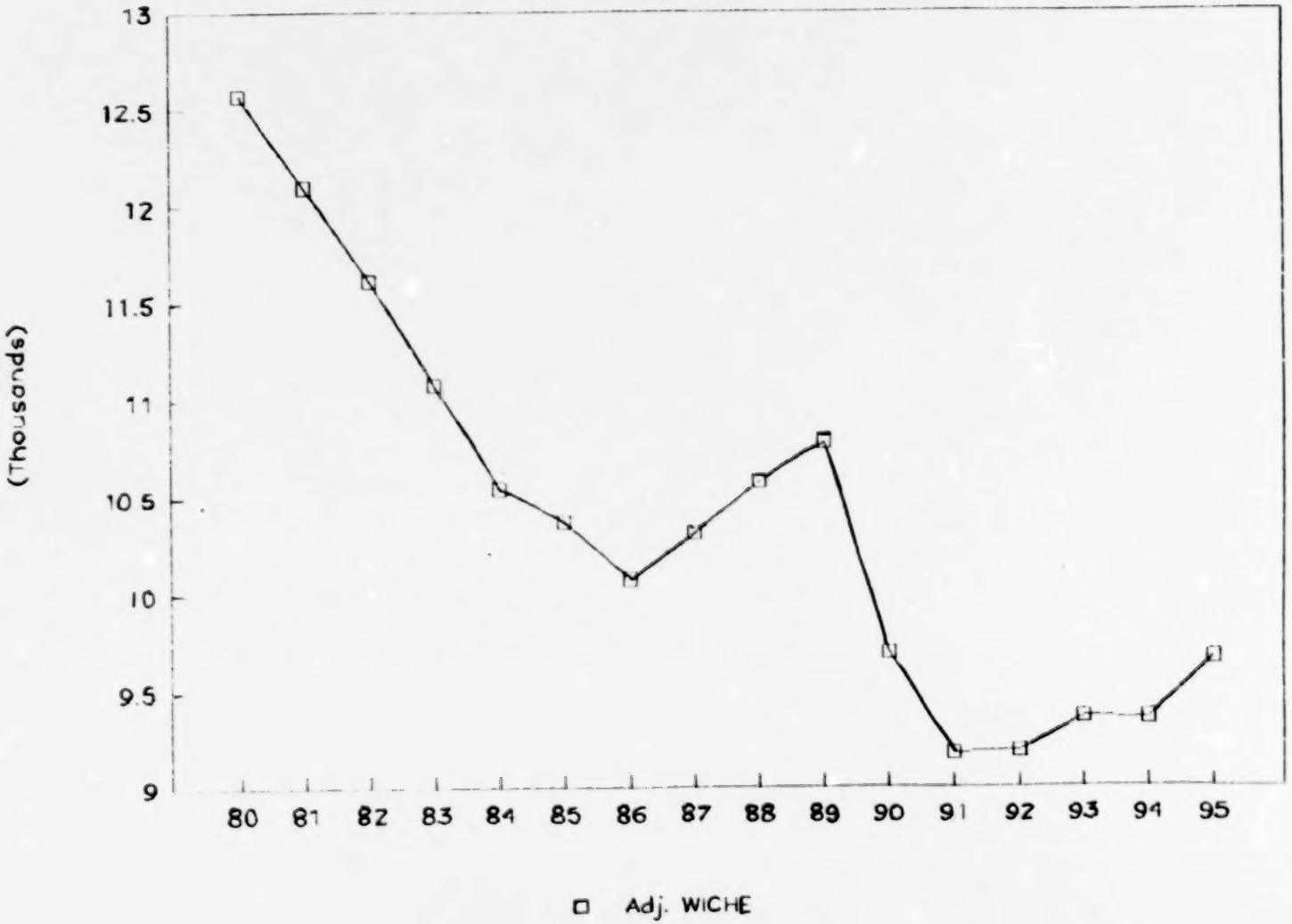
MONTANA 18–24 AGE GROUP

1980–1995



MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

1980–1995



MONTANA 25–34 AGE GROUP

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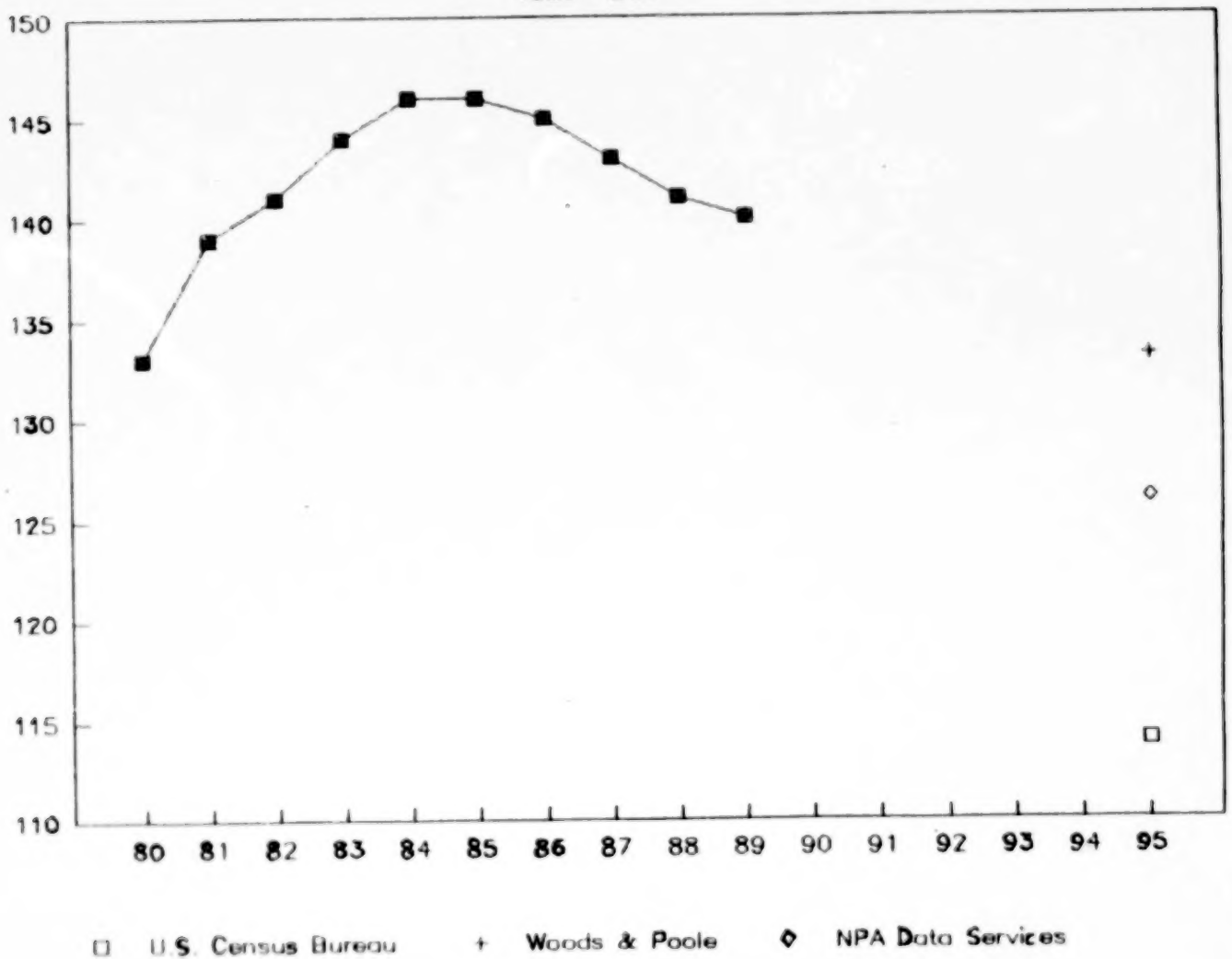

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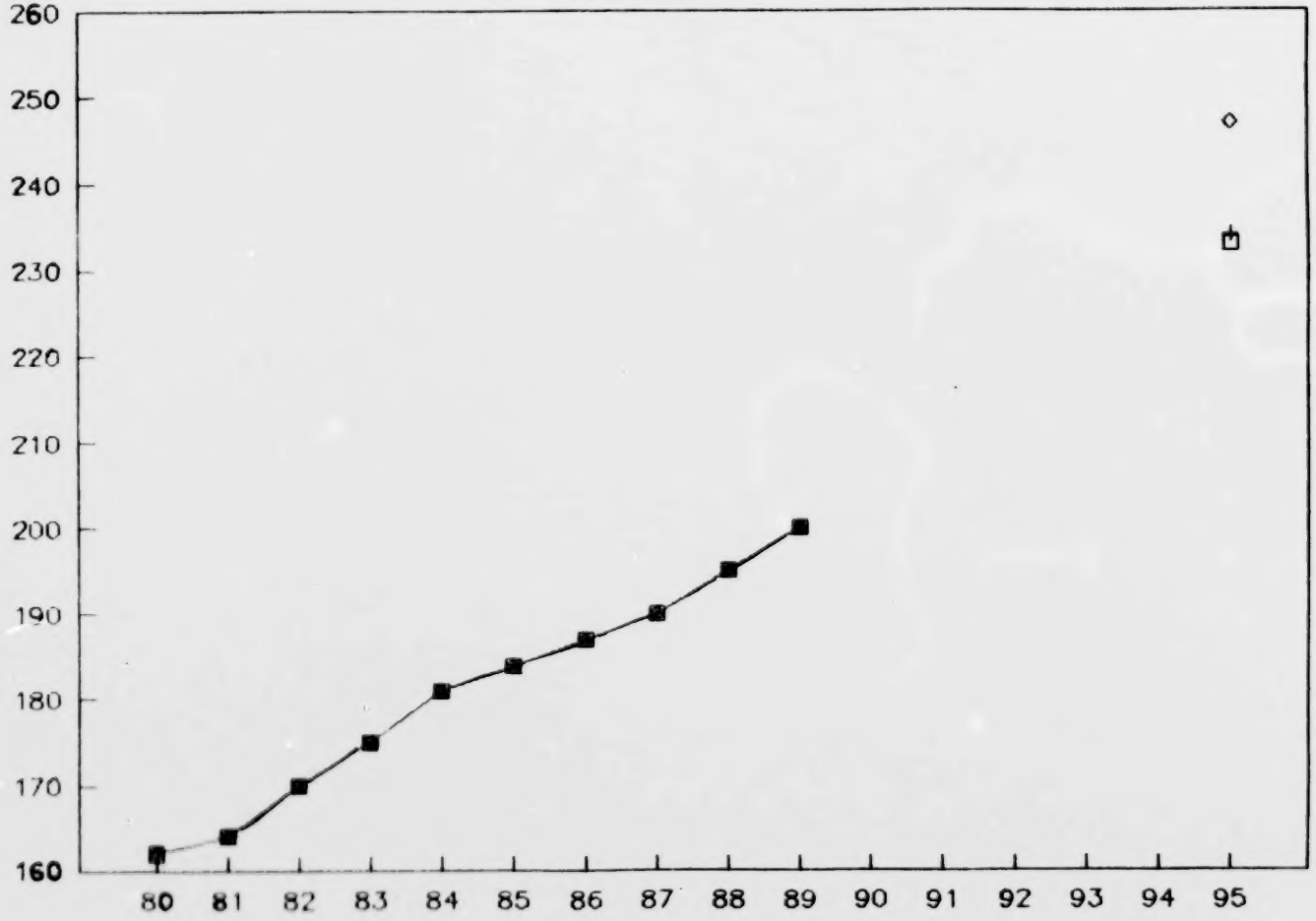

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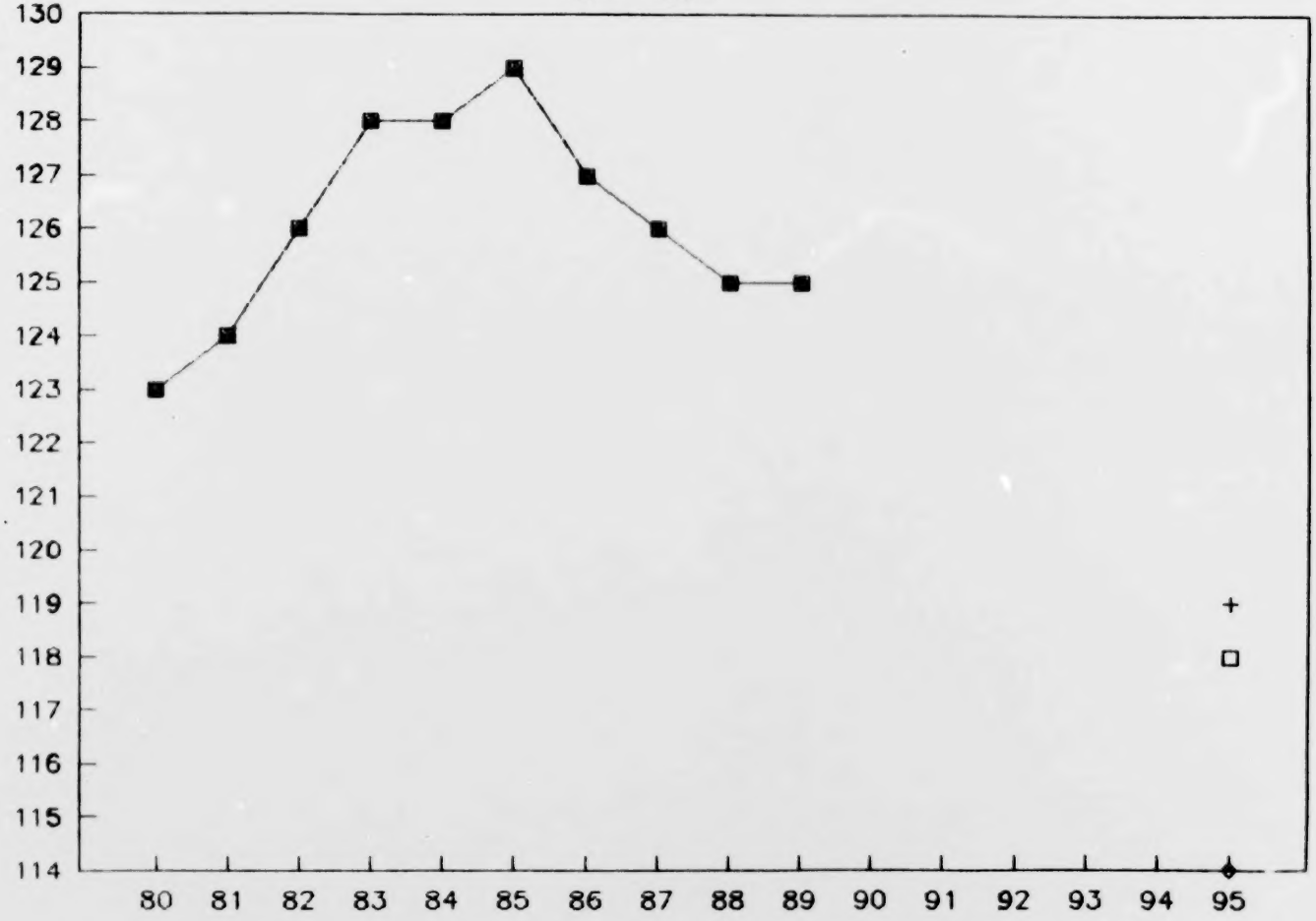

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